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OIL NEWS

A great deal of work is being done in Quesley County where some wells will soon be at the proper depth to strike the Irvine sand. The results of such tests will have a big significance for Knox County. If these companies should produce big oil, there is no question that Knox County will become a center of much activity. As it is a good deal of money is being placed in Barbourville to work in Clay County.

The Hector Creek well which is being drilled in Clay County on Hector Creek, tributary to Redbird Creek, is nearing the Irvine sand and should be finished this week. This is the first test on the Peabody property, known as the Associated Oil Producers. It is understood they are rigging up for another well. On an airline from Barbourville Court House this property is about 21 miles and is 5 miles from Manchester on an airline.

H. P. Levick, Jr., of Winchester, Ky., who is connected with the Associated Producers, now drilling deep tests in Clay County, was here during the past few days looking over Knox County prospects, doubtless in connection with deep drilling.

SEEING IS BELIEVING

The County Agent of Cumberland County evidently believes in the old saying "seeing is believing," for he writes as follows:

"I spent a large part of two days arranging a pig feeding experiment. It is as follows: Two pig pens were constructed on the public square and a self feeder for pigs was also constructed and placed across the partition between the two pens. In one end corn only is to be placed and in the other end a balanced ration consisting of 5 parts corn, 4 parts shorts and 2 parts tankage is placed so that the pigs in one pen get only corn while the others get a balanced ration. The four pigs are to come from the same litter and are to be the same size as nearly as possible. They are to be weighed at the beginning and end of the experiment which is to run 4-6 months. A record of cost of all feed is to be kept and the cost of the grains computed at the end.

This experiment not only demonstrates the value of balanced rations but the value of a self feeder also. I have heard no less than a dozen persons say they were going to make them one. It has been the chief center of attraction."

KNOX COUNTY BOY KILLED

At Fencibles With Breast To Poe.

Bierdorf, Germany, Feb. 17, 1919. Company E, 128th Infantry, Mr. Alex T. Smith, Barbourville, Ky. My dear Mr. Smith:— I have received your letter making inquiry for your son, Private William Smith, who was reported "missing" and who, you have doubtless been informed, was killed.

This is one of the few cases in which I have been unable to find anyone who was near him at the time he met death, altho I have twice made inquiry of the entire company.

The circumstances under which he was killed are as follows: On Nov. 10th the 128th Regiment was near Penzance (north of Danville) and had been following closely on the retreating Germans who were retreating to the east. It was not known in the lines that peace was near. The entire line for miles was engaged in an attack on the enemy who was known to be in a bad situation as a result of retirement. Company E was in the front line of the sector of the 128th and pushed a deep dent into the German lines to a depth of about four miles, until with ammunition exhausted, they were about surrounded. In fast light artillery and machine guns had flanked the position held by them. This company had made a great fight until then he spite of terrible fire and many casualties and they ordered to withdraw from the dangerous position they were in. They came back across an open field and entered the woods as the Germans appeared on three sides. As they entered the woods Private William Smith, with his rifle on his shoulder met Private John H. Baker and laughingly shouted "Well you came thru all right too," and a little later Private Elvin T. Mayes saw him and called, "I'm proud to see you out alive." At that time they had just entered the woods and were working their way back, Baker going to the assistance of some men who were helping a wounded soldier. That was the last that was seen of Private Smith until a burial party brought him in for burial from the woods where he had been found, with a shot thru his left breast. His clothes had been torn open and a bandage had been roughly applied, showing that either he or someone with him had tried to render first aid. His remains were brought back to the town of Penzance where he was buried with many others in a graveyard for soldiers.

It is difficult for me to adequately express the sorrow I feel for the relatives of the soldiers who were killed in the last few days of the fighting for I know their feelings as I myself had many close friends killed at the very last. I should say, however, that I was not engaged with this regiment but was fighting with the 314th Infantry ten miles south of Penzance. What I have told you was secured from the only officer left with this company and the men who were present to the fight with him. I doubt if it is possible to add any details further affecting the death of your son. With the greatest sympathy, Robert D. Christie, Captain Company E 128th Infantry, A. P. O. 734.

Private William Smith entered the service May 26th, 1918, trained at Camp Taylor and Camp Beaupard, La. It was later learned that he was shot thru the heart with a bullet from a machine gun and was buried at Penzance, France. He was 22 years of age when he entered the service and 23 years old when killed. Though he felt the cause for which he died, remains a living, triumphant force for the world's betterment. May his name be engraved on the tablet of our memories as one who fought the good fight and won for himself and his country an imperishable fame.

ALEX T. SMITH PASSES

The death of Alex T. Smith occurred at the Jewish Hospital, in Louisville, Ky., on Friday evening, May 30th. The remains were brought to Barbourville and on Sunday afternoon were gently lowered to the quiet home of Mother Earth in the presence of some four or five hundred people. Rev. R. L. Creel paid a fitting tribute to the life of the deceased. The Modern Woodmen of the World, with Wm. Messamore, Captain of Ceremonies, paid their last respects to a man and brother.

Mr. Smith was born at Mackey Bend, near King, Ky., and was thirty years of age. Death was from the effects of pneumonia from which he failed to rally.

He leaves a wife, father, mother and one brother, C. A. Smith, to mourn his loss. Another brother, W. M. Smith was killed in action in France, November 10th an account of which, by a curious coincidence is given in this same issue.

The sympathy of the whole community will be with the bereaved family.

Officials of the C. & M. Railroad have expressed their sincere sorrow over the loss of a valued employee, a gentleman and one on whom they could always absolutely rely.

RED MEN WILL PLEAD

The Wheelock Tribe, No. 281, Improved Order of Red Men, whose hunting grounds are at Bryants Store, Reservation of Kentucky, will in that uncommon way known as July Fourth, 1919, stage one picnic at Little Poplar Creek. They invite any and all pale faces to their wigwam there to take part in the rites and mysteries of picnicing as performed by Red Men.

MICKIE SAYS

MY GOSH! WOULDN'T IT BE GRAND IF EVERYBODY'D PAY FEEB THEIR PAPER WITHOUT HASTY WASTE A LOTTA TIME 'N STAMPS 'N WORK GETTIN' OUT THESE STATEMENTS EVERY WEEK! GEE! WE SURE DO APPRECIATE THE GOOD FELLERS WHO MAKE TH' HABIT OF DROPPIN' IN 'T' PAN UP, BEHIND THE MONEY, WITHOUT BEIN' ASKED! I'LL SAY WE DO!



PENSION BILL

The following is the Pension Bill introduced into Congress by Congressman J. M. Robinson of which mention was made last week.

May 22, 1919. Mr. Robinson of Kentucky introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and ordered to be printed.

A BILL To pension soldiers of the War with Spain, the Philippine insurrection, and the China relief expedition.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all persons who served ninety days or more in the military or naval service of the United States during the War with Spain, the Philippine insurrection, and the China relief expedition, and who have been honorably discharged therefrom, and who are now or who may hereafter be suffering from any mental or physical disability or disability of a permanent character, not the result of their own vicious habits, which so incapacitates them from the performance of manual labor as to render them unable to earn a support, shall, upon making due proof of the fact, according to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may provide, be placed upon the list of invalid pensioners of the United States, and be entitled to receive a pension not exceeding \$36 per month and not less than \$12 per month, proportioned to the degree of inability to earn a support; and in determining such inability and each and every injury shall be duly considered, and such pension shall commence from the date of the filing of the application in the Bureau of Pensions, after the passage of this act, upon proof that the disability or disabilities then existed, and shall continue during the existence of the injury; PROVIDED, That persons who are now receiving pensions under existing laws, or whose claims are pending in the Bureau of Pensions, may, by application to the Commissioner of Pensions, in such form as he may prescribe, showing themselves entitled thereto, receive the benefits of this act; and nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent any pensioner thereunder from prosecuting his claim and receiving his pension under any other general or special act; PROVIDED, however, That no person shall receive more than one pension for the same period; AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That rank in the service shall not be considered in applications filed under this act.

SEC. 2. That no agent, attorney, or other person engaged in preparing, presenting, or prosecuting any claim under the provisions of this act, shall, directly or indirectly, contract for, demand, receive, or retain for such services in preparing, prosecuting or presenting such claim a sum greater than \$20, and any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section, or who shall wrongfully withhold from a pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of a pension or claim allowed or due such pensioner or claimant under this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction therefor shall, for each and every offense, be fined not exceeding \$500, or be imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both in the discretion of the court.

SAVE MILLION DOLLARS If the roosters in Kentucky are swarmed or separated from hens as soon as the hatching season is over the State will save at least a million dollars. Every egg is a good egg when it is laid; but seventeen out of every hundred are bad eggs when they reach the market. Most of these seventeen eggs spoil because they are fertile. Without roosters in the flocks there will be just as many eggs this summer; but they will be infertile and they will not spoil quickly. The roosters should go during Rooster week June 2nd to 7th.

The editor hopes that every farmer's wife who reads this will wait the rooster or have him penned up for the summer to help the State save a million dollars.

Our philosopher says: Birds in the garden are a lot cheaper than Paris green and other poisons for bugs.

UNION COLLEGE GYM

Plans Are Accepted For New Gym.

It will be of interest to every citizen in Barbourville to learn that the Union College Building Committee has accepted the plans of Architect Graft of Knoxville, Tenn. The ground has been staked off and is ready for excavation as soon as the contract is let. Then the new gym will become a reality.

TROSPER BOY HOME

Jesus Anderkin, of Trooper, Ky., arrived home from Newport News, Va. Mr. Anderkin served overseas eighteen months and fourteen days being in active service at the Agouine, St. Mihiel, Verdun and Toul sectors escaping without a wound. He was with the 53rd Artillery, Battery E, originally the old 8th Regiment of Coast Artillery.

He arrived in the United States March 11th and is now stationed with his regiment which is part of the regular army at Newport News, Va. but was given a furlough of ten days which he is spending with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderkin, of Trooper, Knox County.

WM. J. COLE HOME

Wm. J. Cole, son of L. M. Cole, arrived Saturday morning from overseas. Mr. Cole was in Machine Gun Company 51st Inf. 6th Division and fought in the Geradmer Vosges section, from September 3rd to October 12th. In the Sedan sector and in the Meuse-Argonne offensive from Nov. 1st to 11th, when armistice was declared. He was with the army of occupation at Coblenz for a few days. Part of his training took place in England.

Mr. Cole left the United States July 6th, 1918 and arrived home May 3rd, 1919. Among his keepers are a British helmet and his own gas mask worn in the Argonne.

SALVATION ARMY DRIVE

Dr. L. L. Logan, of Barbourville, has been made chairman of the Knox County Campaign Committee. The quota for the county is \$3,000. Campaign opens June 23rd to 30th Dr. Logan says Knox County will go over the top in one day.

W. H. GREEN STILL IN THE RACE

It having been reported around that W. H. Green had retired from the race for Representative, the editor interviewed Mr. Green, who stated most positively that reports of that kind will not eliminate him from the race. "Tell my friends," said Mr. Green, "that I am in the race in earnest and mean to win."

MR. FARMER

Did you read our article on the Tent Meetings, published last week? If not, please read it and constitute yourself a committee of one to BOOST for them. They will be a tremendous asset in Knox County development in which we are sure you, as a good citizen, are interested.

ST. JOHN'S, CORBIN, COMMENCEMENT

The 19th year of St. John's Institute will be brought to a fitting close by the Commencement Exercises which will be held in the College Chapel at 7 o'clock, Friday evening, June 6th, the Rt. Rev. L. W. Burton, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, will be present at this occasion to deliver the address. Bishop Burton needs no introduction to the people of Corbin and this community, especially those who can look backward over the nineteen years in which he has worked to give the young men and women in this locality an opportunity to obtain a Christian education. A pleasing program will be rendered.

LOCAL MEN WORK FOR THE SALVATION ARMY DRIVE

Local men who are working for the Salvation Army in its financial drive, June 23—30, are James I. Golden, who has charge of District No. 8, and E. H. Decker, District No. 10. H. N. Woodson has charge of our own and adjoining counties which form District No. 9.

Don't let us forget the work of the Salvation Army among our boys. They were true blue.

READ P. BLACK RETURNS

Mr. Read P. Black, our popular Sheriff, is back from France and has been so busy meeting and greeting his thousand and one friends that the Advocate has not been able to interview him for this week's issue. We hope to corral him next week. The following long distance tribute will speak for itself, however:

Mr. E. T. Franklin, President of Union College, Barbourville, Ky. Dear Mr. Franklin:— Mr. Read Postlewaite Black, of Barbourville, Kentucky, has returned from overseas after about seven months of work in our service.

Mr. Black served from October, 1918 until May 1919. He worked at the warehouse in Souilly and Ippecourt and then was assigned to artillery camps near Bordeaux.

We wish his friends to know how greatly we appreciate what he has done for the soldiers.

You were one of his references when he went overseas and you will I am sure, be glad to know how cordial is our feeling toward him.

Yours very sincerely, Edward S. Parsons.

The friends of Mr. John H. Catron are urging him to become a candidate for Republican Representative in this county.

John Frank Girdner, who had his leg cut off in 1915 thru the backing of a train on the Cumberland Railroad at Warren, Ky., recently received \$9,500 damages, the case being finally decided by the Court of Appeals, Frankfort, last week. Mr. Sawyer A. Smith had charge of the case and carried it to a successful issue.



John Jay Knox



Money he earned and saved while a village youth he spent on an education. As a bank clerk, later, he was studious and thrifty. At middle age a great financier, Knox lectured and wrote about banking topics and as Comptroller of the Currency he helped refinance the government after the Civil war.

Are you preparing for future prosperity and comfort by saving regularly a part of your earnings? Will you be able to take advantage of opportunity for profitable investment when it comes? Could you weather a sick spell without going heavily in debt?

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